M NDING THEIR NETS

Northern Neck Fishermen Getting Ready

Big and Little-How the Fishing Industry Is Conducted-A Falling Off-Lost His Oysters-Gen-

COMORN, KING GEORGE COUNTY, VA., February 1.—(Special.)—"Rain, hall, thine, or blow," the first week in Febals many a Potemac Esherman fishery. And to thus set things der is no triffing undertaking. Many of seine must be mended and tarred, y nets repaired and "hung," and the e huge scine-boat, which is propelled twenty-four able-bodied men, must I be inspected and put in perfect order

Fishing on the Potomac is a business of siderable magnitude, and affords tive employment for a goodly numof men and boys, who know but little many of the soine fisheries are not perated on as extensive a scale as required to operate a first-class Potomac required to operate a first-class Potomac required to operate a first-class Potomac required to the series was attached to huse ropes, "made last" on the shore, and twenty-seven to thirty men would start out with the soat to "lay the scine out." After a incuit of several miles the boat and one would return to a point on the hore, some distance below the starting soint. Itopes attached to the last end of the scine were then "made fast" to a appearand, a machine to whose levers a number of horses were attached. For sours and hours the horses tagged at this machine, steadily winding in the great set laden with thousands—sometimes affilions—of fish of nearly every variety in the Potomac waters. The intense existement ans wild hurrahs at the monoint when the immense seine and its porden would first come in sight may be setter imagined than described.

BOUGHT THEIR SUPPLIES. BOUGHT THEIR SUPPLIES.

When railroad facilities were meagre and imperfect it was a common custom for the people of Piedmont and the Val-cy of Virginia to came down here every suring in large systems. buy their annual supply of the pro-bial "Potomac herrings." Then it was uncommon thing for a train of these no uncommon thing for a train of these mountain wagons" to camp all night mear the fishing shore, and while the joviel Piedmont citizens waited for "their tru" to come, or for a "hau!" to be made in order to fill their orders, the proprietor of the big fishery would feast them not only on the "fat of the land," but the best that the water contained, and "old rye" in abundance. Of course, in many respects the habits and customs have changed, and the Potomac fishery of to-day is not what it was twenty years ago, bet even now it's a "montrosity" to people residing far away from the Potomac. The outfits of to-day are not, as large as they were when Potomac herrings sold readily for \$10 per thousand, and when it was not uncommon to catch rockiish weighing from thirly to fifty younds each. The largest seine on the Potomac several years ago was said to be eight miles long, and was drawn in the the history of forty men and a few horses. The past fall and present winter sheries have not been very profitable. The low prices of fish prior to Christmas discouraged many of the fishermen, and the business was suspended until the time arrived to make preparations for the spring fisheries.

SUNDAY TRANSPORTATION.

shippers, and freight nearly every Sunday. At times a larger quantily of freight is handled on Sundays here than on any other day in the week. The public highways leading to the wharves are frequently erowded with wagons, carts, etc., a greater part of many a Sunday, some earrying produce to and some hauling freight, etc., from the steamboat wharves. Not only light freight, but cattle, sheep, logs, and grain are handled and shipped by the Potomac steamers nearly every this important question, the growing

Neck that he will specially recover.

There are many complaints throughout the Northern Neck about irregularities or carelessness in connection with the United States Mail Service. Newspapers are frequently several days behind time, and letters are sometimes two or three days going three or four miles. This unpardomable trouble is more prevalent in the lower countries of the Neck, but this county is not entirely exempt from it, for occasionally Sunday's Dispatch does not reach this place till Tuesday.

FARM-WORK.

"Leap-Year" parties have been the order of the day for a week or two past, and these entertainments, novel in this section, have so far proved very popular among the young folks.

Owing to the warm weather, Captain J. T. Emmernizer, an oysterman well known have, lost a vessel-load of oysters a few days ago. The Captain caught a greater part of his load of oysters, and bought a sufficient quentity to fill his vessel. On arriving in market he found that the whole cargo had spoiled while on route, entailing upon him a very heavy loss.

of bright tobacco. Address EDITOR OF THE TOBACCO DEPARTMENT, Dispatch office, Richmond, Va.

Constipation

is the most common form of Dyspepsia. Dr. Deane's Dyspepsia Pills (white wrapper), one after each meal, cure the most obstinate

Sportsmen and others who have tra Sportsmen and others who have tra-versed all the fields and forests here this whoter report that but very few covies of partridges have been found in the whole county. It is said that in some sections of the county there is not a par-tridge in a radius of five miles, and that some of the other varieties of birds are issariy as scarce. Perhaps the most pe-cular feature connected with the scarcity of partridges is that a majority of the few which survived last winter's severity

are male birds. It has been estimated by some huntsmen that of the partridges now to be found here at least four-fifths are "rocetera." The number of snow-pirds, sparrows, bluebirds, etc., observed here now is the smallest ever before known in this section. It is quite evident, upon careful investigation, that these varieties perished, as did the partridges, last winter, and that the crow and buzzard were about the only birds that survived that memorable season.

WYTHEVILLE.

A Slight Diphtheria Scare-Social

and Personal Mention. WYTHEVILLE, VA., February 1 --(Special.)-The appearance of diphtheria in a negro family in the town the first of the week caused something of a scare, especially when two of the five children stricken with the disease died within

thirty-six hours.

A meeting of the Eoard of Health was called, the house was promptly quarantined; and the School Board was advised to close the negro public school for a while, as the children who had died for a while, as the children who had died had been pupils in the school. This was done, but no new cases have appeared and all apprehension is subsiding. Wytheville has a wonderful record as far as epidemics go, and if grip is excepted. Her middle-sged inhabitants cannot recall the spread of any disease to an extent which could be called an epidemic. Scarlet-fever and diphtheria appear only occasionally, and have never been known to spread, while even measles and whooping-cough make poor headway in this pure mountain atmosphere.

phere. The boy, Christopher Thompson, who The boy, Christopher Thompson, who was operated on for appendicitis last week by Dr. William H. Ribble, assisted by other physicians of the town, is doing well and will doubtless recover.

We are enjoying springlike weather, and the buds of the assen trees are welling. This time last year the ground was covered with snow.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE.

Cards are out to the marriage of Miss Bertha Krenning to Mr. James Brown (of Ohlo) at high noon on February 12th, in the Presbyterian church. Miss Bertha is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Krenning, who moved to Wytheville from Ohio several years

She is a lovable and attractive young lady, and has been the leader of the Presbyterian choir for some months. Her departure for her western home will be a loss to the community and to her a loss to the community and to

The Whist Club was entertained Fri-day evening by Mr. Mann Pendleton, at his mother's home, and he proved a very

his mother's home, and he proved a very gracious host.

Miss Eila Ewald was the hostess of the Thursday Club this week, Musical selections were rendered by Miss Ewald, Mrs. Campbell, and Miss Dunn, and an interesting paper on "Modern Illustrating and the Making of Posters" was read by Miss Fannie Fulton.

VERY AMUSING.

The Social Club met with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Ponge Thursday evening. The par-lors were beautifully decorated with palms, ferns, and blooming plants. palms, ferns, and blooming plants. A merry game of matching quotations served well to mincle the guests and to banish all formality.

Partners for supper were paired by an amusing method. The gentlemen were taken across the hall to the sitting-room, where they downed and whose and

taken across the hall to the sitting-room, where they donned dominoes and masques. They were then marched back to the parlors, and the ladies bid for them one by one. The result was very satisfactory, since among such a charming collection of masculines the ladies could not be paired amiss.

The supper was beautifully served at comfortable tete-a-tete tables, each of which was decorated with flowers and lighted with cancelabra.

The marriage of Miss Secc Withers to Mr. John Y. Terry, of Seattle, will take place in the Episcopal church at 6 o'clock on Febrhary 3d, and Colonel and Mrs. Withers will celebrate on that same evening at their home their golden wed-

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ding.

Mrs. Henry Cook, of Massie's Lills;
Mrs. Stephen Putney, of Richmond; Mrs.
Ambler and child, of Amherst, and Miss
Williams are among the children and
grandchildren of Colonel Withers already
here. Mrs. Ambler's child is the fourth
generation.

Major and Mrs. W. C. Sanders have returned from a visit to their son in Knoxville, Tenn.

OUR OFFER TO FARMERS.

The bill recently offered in the House our farmers to the importance of the Delegates in relation to railroad and teamboat traffic on Sunday attracted a reast dead of attention in this section of the State. For some years past the otomac steamboat wharves in this county have been crowded with passengers, hippers, and freight nearly every Sunfapers, and freight nearly every Sunfapers.

this a source of gratification to us that this important question, the growing sunday during the shipping season.

Grip is epidemic in the county just now, and a number of our people are confined to their beds with it.

Mrs. C. N. Farmer, of Uptonburg, this county, is critically ill with pneumonia.

Mr. W. Y. Morgan, edilor of the Northern-Neck News, has been quite sick. It is hoped by the whole people of the Neck that he will speedily recover.

There are many complaints throughout

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General farm-work is well advanced for thisseason of the year. Farmers, fearing a repetition of last February's inclement weather, are clearing and ploughing their corn-land as rapidly as possible. A larger acreage of land has been ploughed up to this time than was ploughed up to this time than was ploughed up to this time than was ploughed up to the middle of March last year.

Notwithstanding the fine rains of last week and the continued open, mild weather, wheat, oats, and grass are still typy backward and unpromising.

we further offer as a premium to ary one sending in (cash in full) a two months' one sending in (cash in full) a two months' subscription to the Daily or a year's subscription to the Weekly Dispatch one pital, Baltimore. This is the second time that Mr. Edwards's health has increasitated treatment at the Johns Hopkins.

Mrs. E. B. Whitehouse, of "Green Height." this county, is extremely ill, and is being attended by Dr. M. W. Minor, of this place, Her mother, Mrs. J. F. Hayes, was summoned to her bedside several days ago.

"Leap-Year" markles have been the order. scription to the Weekly Dispatch one of bright tobacco. Address EDITOR OF



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to the stomach and bowels. DR. J. A. DEANE CO., Kingston, N. Y.

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GIRLS FOR THE NAVY.

New Jersey Has a Rayal Guard of

ALL PATRIOTS AND JINGOES.

Their Captain-They Have Taken

(Correspondence of the Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, February 1.- The darkness of the war-clouds which have been overing over all the great nations for the past month or so has completely shoved the new woman into the background, and no one has seemed to think it of sufficient importance to ask what that wonderful creature would do in event of hostilities.

Since the days of the wicked but martial Queen of Babylon many women have dotted the pages of war's history, and if the opportunity were given the athletic womanhood of to-day, there is would go marching into battle, wearing bloomers, knickers, or skirts, as their varied inclinations promised. This may seen far-fetched, but a num-ber of young women in Hoboken could

THE SURGEON.

This is topped off with a pretty cap.

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The list of officers is complete. The Guards have a surgeon in Miss Carrie Smith, a tail, handsome young girl, who is a medical graduate and a regular M. D. At the drills she always appears with a business-like satchel filled with surgical instruments, bandages, and ointments, so that if necessity should demand she could either cut off an arm or bandage a sabre cut in no time.

Lillian Phillips, an English girl by birth, but an American by choice, is the paymaster. She is known as the greatest jingo and the hardest worker in the Guards. She collects the dues of 50 cents a month from each of the members, and attends to all the disbursements. She never allows any of the navy girls to get into arrears. She is so enthusiastic that three of her sisters contracted the war spirit and joined the Guards. The youngest, Miss Dalay Phillips, has just passed her thirteenth birthday, and she is the official messenger of the company.

There is no limit to the patriotism of the paymaster. Here is what she said shortly after the organization of the Guards, and she says it is as true now as it was then:

"This country is good enough for any-



THE GALLANT CAPTAIN.

Ever since the possibility of a war the young women who belong to this company have been in a terrible state of excitement. Timidity may be at the bottom of it in the case of a few, but, to the credit of the organization it can be said that there have been no with-drawels. In fact, there has been a regu-lar increase in the membership, which now amounts to sixty—all valiant-heart-ed, patriotic, strong-bodied young women.

now amounts to sixty—all valiant-hearted, patriotic, strong-bodied young women, who can shoùt off a gun without shutting their eyes, and climb a rope ladder with the agility and steadiness of a genuine seeadog.

The organization is called the Young Lady Naval Guards. It has a motto, and a fine one, too—namely, "Honor the Stars and Stripes." To protect the flag from insult and injury is the one great object of the Guard. It has several smaller aims, but as it is partly a secret organization these are not for public information.

MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS.

The Guards are only a trifle more than a year old. Any respectable girl between the ages of 12 and 25 years is eligible for membership, provided she takes the oath of the organization, which requires her to swear that she will uphold the flag, even at the risk of her life. It can be seen from this that the young women are heavily charged with patriotism, and that if war broke out they would have to fight the enemy or violate the oath. None of the girls claim to be able to manipulate a modern man-of-war, but they do claim to know something about navy regulations and discipline, for they have studied these matters most assiduously since the organization of the Guards, and they have a drill every Wednesday night in the Odd Fellows' Hall, in Hoboken.

The only enemy they have so far encountered is matrimeny. Every time as iril has married she resigned, and there have been quite a large number of marriages in the Guards.

Captain Charles Brown, a naval vet-MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS.

speak more furly on the subject. Hoboken is seidom treated seriously. Anything or any one that has Hoboken for its origin is regarded as a fair target for satire and humor. But, for all that. Hoboken has the only regularly organized naval company composed of women in this country.

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I like to look at it the last thing before closing my eyes at night, and I want to see it the first thing in the morning. My father is a dyed-in-the-wool Englishman, and I keep telling him he ought to have stayed in England. But I would part from my family any time to fight for Old Glory. My body may be English, but my soul is American."

That is a good sentiment, strong enough to please the biggest Jingo that ever lived.

There is an officer of the deck, a girl of French descent, named Emily Le Gras. She is a fine speaker, and in her school days gained fame by her patriotic utterances. She looks forward to the time when the officer of the deck will not parade about the floor of a Masonic meeting-room but upon the quarter-deck of a regular man-of-war.

Some of the girls in the Guards are talking about trying to induce the State of New Jersey to receive them into the

of New Jersey to receive them into the National Guard as a branch of the naval milria. But the older heads say that the time is not yet ripe for such a progressive step, and they are holding back with the idea of making hasts slowly.

WHAT THEY HOPE TO DO.

eran. and commander of the Hoboken Naval Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Captain J. Wells Martin, of the Naval Cadeta, instruct them at the drills, and they are about the only men who are ever present at the inter-esting exercises. CAPTAIN OF THE GUARDS.

A New York girt, Miss Margaret Shot-ter, is captain of the Guards. Her uni-form is the pride of the sailor girts, be-cause it has six gold stripes and six gold

it is said, will render unlikely the consummation of the project planned last year of extensions by the Baltimore and Ohio, and Chesapeake and Ohio roads, taking the Baltimore and Ohio to Roanoke and further South over the Roanoke and Southern and the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley lines.

stars. The uniform of the regulars is a very pretty sallor suit, including a blue skirt, with three bands of white braid at the bottom, a regular sailor blouse, with a white flannel yoke bearing a mintature flag, and a round sallor hat similar to that worn by the sallors in the navy. The band of the hat bears the letters "Y. L. N. G." The uniform of the officers differs from that of the rank and file. Instead of a blouse the officers wear a tight-fitting coat trimmed with gold braid, and bearing the usual emblems denoting the rank of the wearer. This is topped off with a pretty cap. THE SURGEON. THE SURGEON. Muslin Underwear.

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A BARGAIN SALE!

and such items as we no longer intend keeping in stock. These choice bits of good merchandise have been cut in price to such an extent that the most of them will hardly last the day out. They have

Special Bargain Tables Throughout the Store

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mers, were 75c..... Baby-Carriage Robes, 50c.; were \$1. Fine Mohair, Cloth, and Satine Skirts,

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1 lot Teck Scarfs, 12 1-2c., from 2c.
1 lot Fancy Embroidered Satin Suspenders, 5c., from 3l.
1 lot Boys' All-Wool Navy-Blue Waists ("Sun Brand"), 50c., from 31-ages 8

and 10 years.

1 lot Men's Four-Ply All-Pure-Linen Collars, Sc. each, from 12 1-2c.—assorted styles and sizes.

Miscellaneous. (Main Floor.)

1 lot Fancy Dress Buckles and Slides— Bronze, Steel &c.—lc. each; were 50, 75c., and 31 each.
1 lot Fine Sheer Checked Muslins, 10c., from 15 and 17c.—odd patterns we wish to close. Basement Specials.

To-Morrow from 11 to 12 o'Clock Vantine's Best Teas AT 25c. POUND.

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1 lot Ladies' Wrappers, 49C, were \$1.75 and \$2.

1 lot Children's Lace-Trimmed Cream Cashmere Caps, 13c.—2 for 25c.; were 25 and 25c. Another Lot Will Be 39C.

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